

CLERK'S PATH NOT ROSY ONE

Pay Revisers Hear of Trials That Beset Govt. Stenographers and Secretaries.

The path of a stenographer, typist and secretary in the Government service is beset with many thorns, according to testimony heard by the Congressional joint commission on reclassification of salaries this morning.

A stenographer must, for example, "be on the alert to catch the word the dictator swallows."

The typist "must be able to record the hieroglyphics of the writer who has forgotten his school-day penmanship lessons."

The way of the private secretary is even less rosy, for "he is the diplomat of the office. He not only has to please the outsider, but he must please the 'boss' know his idiosyncrasies, respect his humors, anticipate his wishes and never make the error of attempting to 'keep out' someone who is later to be a close friend. If he unconsciously offends anyone, it is up to him to smooth the matter over, and if he fails, he falls as a private secretary."

HENRY LANSBURGH, who was chosen potentate of Almas Temple over L. Whiting Estes at the annual election held at the New Willard Hotel last night.



HENRY LANSBURGH HEADS MYSTIC SHRINE TEMPLE

Such were among the manifold duties outlined in a brief presented to the commission by the typing, stenographic, correspondence and secretarial service, the largest group of Government employees to be heard, representing approximately 17,000 employees.

W. J. Schuttrumpf, of the Interior Department, as chairman of the committee, declared that these employees were "the backbone of the Government service, and their work is generally undervalued."

Because of the responsibilities assumed and the efficiency required, the setting of high educational requirements for entrance was recommended. "One of the main causes of poor work by typists and stenographers," he undoubtedly due to the fact that they have not had a good fundamental training," the brief commented in this respect.

The large turnover, attributed to inadequate salaries, was stressed and it was declared that the Government is "wasting huge sums and losing valuable employees." The Government has helped to train for the benefit of the future employer in outside work because the employee in the Federal service has enjoyed unusual salaries and employment in the Government is a wide variety of Governmental activities.

High Qualities Needed.

Of the shorthand reporter, which was classed as the highest branch of stenography, the brief said: "It may be fairly estimated that in amount of preparation necessary, the shorthand reporting profession is fully comparable with those of law and medicine, while the actual work is generally much more exacting."

The speed of typists was a question of considerable discussion. The reclassification commission had set, in its tentative specification, a speed of fifty words per minute for the under typist, sixty words for the junior and seventy-five words for the senior typist.

Mr. Schuttrumpf stated that it was the belief of the committee that this speed was somewhat high, and the following was recommended as the more general ability of the average typist: Forty-five words for the under typist, fifty-five words for the junior and sixty-five words per minute for the senior typist.

Men Most Accurate.

When the commission asked Mr. Schuttrumpf for his opinion of the relative ability of men and women typists, he declared that it was an embarrassing question, but answered it by saying that he believed women were the more speedy but that perhaps they were not as accurate as men.

Miss Esther Simpson, of the War Risk Bureau, presented a separate brief for dictating machine operators, declaring that because of their duties these employees should have a separate classification.

The steady and nerve-racking work of these operators was emphasized, and it was stated that they always must be on the alert for confused sentences and smooth out indistinct words.

"Not a Minute Wasted."

"Not a minute is wasted by dictating machine operators," as compared with the time lost by stenographers," said Miss Simpson. "The time spent in taking dictation and wasted in waiting on the dictator to attend to things for which a business man may always be interrupted, is used by the operator for turning out accurate work. As a consequence of this uninterrupted work the dictating machine operator produces 50 per cent more work than the stenographer."

It was stated that the Civil Service Commission has recognized the operators as a separate force of trained workers. It was declared that it was difficult to procure skilled operators.

The question as to whether or not the dictating machine was practical was given lengthy discussion. It was generally agreed that the value of the machine depended upon the proficiency of the operator.

HAYCOCK AIDE TO M.O. CHANCE

Named Assistant Postmaster to Succeed Kerlin, Who Quits to Join Efficiency Bureau.

Malcolm Kerlin, assistant postmaster since February, 1917, has resigned to take effect December 31. Mr. Kerlin will become associated with the Bureau of Efficiency.

William H. Haycock, superintendent of mails, has been promoted to fill the vacancy as assistant postmaster. Clarence E. Schooley is advanced from superintendent of Carriers to superintendent of mails; and Joseph W. Saunders from foreman of carriers to superintendent of carriers.

All four men are old men in the postoffice service. Mr. Kerlin entered the Postoffice Department in 1901 as a 3900 clerk, became assistant to Mr. Chance, chief clerk in 1911, was appointed superintendent of the division of registered mails in the office of the third assistant postmaster general in 1914, and served until given his present appointment by Mr. Chance.

Mr. Kerlin has declined several outside appointments.

Mr. Haycock is a native of Georgetown, a son of W. H. Haycock, of the American Security and Trust Company, and a brother of Robert L. Haycock, supervising principal of the Mt. Pleasant district of the public schools. He has been in the postoffice service thirty-two years, and has been promoted through the ranks from carrier. His present promotion is largely due to his efficiency in handling mails during the war.

Mr. Schooley has been in the service eighteen years, and has risen from substation carrier to his present position. Mr. Saunders entered the service as carrier in 1898 and later was transferred to the carrier division, where he has won promotion.

Theater on Wheels Carries Plays to Audience



The "Motor Theater," which is giving entertainments throughout the city under direction of the Community Service. Performances will be given today at the Home for Children, Children's Hospital, and Foundling Hospital. This is the newest feature of producing entertainments. The motor-

AGUINALDO'S DAUGHTER GUEST IN WASHINGTON

Many Entertainments Planned by Society Matrons for Child of Filipino Leader.

Miss Carmen Aguinaldo, nineteen-year-old daughter of the noted Filipino leader, is a visitor in Washington over the holidays. She is being entertained at the home of Mrs. Jaime de Veyra, wife of the resident commissioner from the Philippines, 2618 Connecticut avenue, and a number of social affairs are being given in her honor.

Among these was a luncheon at the home of Mrs. de Veyra this noon, at which the wives of a number of Congressmen were present. She will be the guest of honor at a dinner at the Congressional Club December 29, and on the evening of December 30 will join in the celebration of Rizal day, in memory of Jose Rizal, a talented Filipino poet, executed on alleged false charges by the Spanish in 1896. At this dinner she will read the poem which Rizal wrote in his cell while awaiting death.

Miss Aguinaldo received a normal school education in Manila and is taking a special course at the University of Illinois.

Her father, now a prosperous planter and vegetable oil manufacturer, is said to be in high favor with American officers in the Philippines through the manner in which he has kept faith after promising to refrain from political or military activity. A brother is representing his father's business interests in New York.

P.O. YESTERDAY HANDLED 1,158,000 PIECES OF MAIL

Yesterday set a record in the Washington postoffice for number of pieces of mail taken in for forwarding and local delivery.

A total of 1,158,000 pieces of mail were taken for cancellation. Parcel post deliveries in the city also set a high record, with 19,894 large parcels delivered by automobile. This is in addition to small parcels delivered by the regular carriers, of which no separate record is kept.

The Washington postoffice received 4,127 sacks of mail and delivered 10,918. Saturday set a record with more than 15,000 sacks of outgoing mail.

\$1,000,000 ARMORY FOR D. C. CITY IS PROPOSED

Appropriation Will Get Early Attention After Holidays, Says Congressman.

Washington's proposed million-dollar armory for the District of Columbia National Guard will be one of the first items to be considered by the House Public Buildings and Grounds Committee when the Cummings bill is taken up immediately after the holidays.

Chairman John W. Langley, before he left for Kentucky to spend the holidays at his home, announced he would make every effort to have written into the bill a liberal appropriation for the proposed armory.

It is planned to make the armory a memorial to the 19,000 world war veterans of the District. Several sites have already been considered, the most popular being to build the structure in the Mall, in the vicinity of Thirteenth street, on the ground now used by the Department of Agriculture for experimental gardening.

THIEVES HAVE GALA TIME IN CHRISTMAS CROWDS

Mingling with the throngs of Christmas shoppers in the downtown shopping district, members of the light-fingered gentry reaped a harvest yesterday.

While in a downtown department store, Mrs. John H. Parsley, of Rockville, Md., had \$13 picked from her handbag.

Mrs. E. V. Phillips, 3139 Warder street northwest, was robbed of \$18; Miss M. F. Warner, 1212 Lamont street, was robbed of \$11; Mabel Robinson, 315 Oakdale street, was robbed of \$15, and Miss Alice Shramdell, 1519 G street northwest, was robbed of \$24.

The apartment of Leo Fogel, 1725 Third street northwest, was entered by thieves yesterday through a rear window. The apartment was ransacked, but nothing was stolen, the police were told.

An overcoat valued at \$60 was stolen yesterday from Louis Taylor, 607 W street northwest.

SLAIN D. C. DETECTIVE BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for Detective Sergeant James E. Armstrong were held this afternoon at Christ Episcopal Church, G street southeast. The Rev. William Curtis White conducted the services.

The pallbearers were Detectives W. O. Embrey, Thomas P. Sweeney, Arthur Scrivener, Howard Vermillion, and George Wech, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Ringgold Hart.

Hymns were sung by a quartet composed of James K. Young, Howard S. Green, Edwin J. Hutchinson, and A. A. Durkin.

A floral tribute from Baltimore detectives was received at the Armory, 541 Seventh street southeast, this morning.

BOY BANDIT'S HISTORY DISPUTED BY POLICE

Assertions of McHenry Found False After Investigation by Authorities.

Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, today received a letter from Martin O'Brien, chief of police of St. Louis, stating that they could find no records of John McHenry, slayer of Wallace W. Mulcare and Detective Sergeant James Armstrong, having attended school in that city.

McHenry, when arrested a week ago, told the police that he had an uncle living in that city, but the St. Louis police were unable to substantiate the boy's statement. The names of McHenry's parents do not appear in the city directory from 1910 up until the present time, Inspector Grant was informed.

The boy said that he attended school in St. Louis and gave the name of his teacher. The St. Louis police, however, were unable to find the teacher. McHenry named or any record of his having attended school in that city.

THINK D. C. LABOR MEN AGAINST NEW PARTY

The Central Labor Union may be asked in the near future to endorse the proposal that a national labor party be formed, following an address made at its weekly meeting last night by Mark Jackson, in which he vigorously championed the plan of labor going into politics.

Leaders said that the present temper of the local unionists is strongly against the creation of a new party or toward taking any action in advance of American Federation of Labor policy.

"I do not think there is any doubt that the Central Labor Union is against a new labor party at the present time," said Newton L. James, secretary of the organization, today. "The supporters of this movement are not likely to get anywhere in Washington."

The annual meeting of the Central Labor Union will be held January 4, next, and officers will be elected for the coming year. President Harry Holohan has declined to be a candidate for re-election. There are no candidates afoot in the field and there is no "talk" on which the politicians within the ranks are working.

PRICE FIXERS URGE TURKEY BOYCOTT

Justice Agents Investigate to End High Cost of Birds Here.

Advocating a boycott on turkeys as the result of inflated prices, and terminating to call a halt on profiteering on this favorite Christmas food, the Department of Justice today launched an investigation that will include a survey of the entire situation in Washington, and it is hoped will successfully hold down the closing price of turkeys during the holiday season.

E. D. Atkinson, of the District Fair Price Committee, declared that the public here has an opportunity to exercise its power of boycott. He has a number of investigators at work under his direction gathering information in the farm districts and in stores handling turkeys in this city.

"Inquiry this morning revealed that turkeys for the Christmas trade are being made the subject of manipulation through exaggeration of the law of supply and demand," said Mr. Atkinson this morning.

"The wholesale price the first of this week was from 5 to 8 cents higher than at Thanksgiving, and there appears to be a determined effort, especially on the part of the raisers, to boost prices much higher."

"The large packers who usually supply the major portion of the cold storage turkeys sold here have abandoned the field, and the consequence is that smaller wholesalers, as well as retailers and consumers, are stirring around to get their turkeys from nearby points in Maryland and Virginia. Sensing a possible increased demand, farmers seem to be withholding sales and demanding inflated prices."

"While dealers who have paid more for their Thanksgiving stock must pass the increased cost on to the consumers, the Fair Price Committee is prepared to keep careful watch over the market to prevent unnecessary boosting of prices in this city."

Anyone found getting an unfair advantage of the situation will be dealt with vigorously.

Opportunity for Boycott.

"This is a splendid opportunity for the public to exercise its power of boycott. Turkeys are not a commodity which can be sold every day in the year, and if those raised during the past season are not sold for the Christmas trade they will not be sold at all."

"If any person now holding back the movement of turkeys prefers to hold them either in cold storage or on foot until next year, bearing the loss of shrinkage or feed, to selling them at reasonable prices this season, the public should give them the opportunity to do so."

FOUR ONE-ACT PLAYS AT CENTRAL TONIGHT

The Federated Dramatic Clubs will present four one-act plays at the Central High School tonight, beginning at 7:15 o'clock.

"The Acid Test" will be given by the Postoffice Department players with this cast: J. Martin Scranage, John Hoffman, Mrs. E. A. Neil, and B. E. Hinkle.

Home Club players will present "The Man in the Sullie" with Joe W. Meyer, Kathryn Winters, and Ben W. Whitehurst.

"Uncle's Will" is the name of the play to be presented by the George Washington University players, with Arthur Becker, Cameron Burton, and Joseph Burton and Josephine Houston.

The Washington players will give "His Sweetheart," with James Gaines, Alice Robinson, Durema Watson, Agnes Walters, Madeline Lane, and Bernice Thacker.

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BUREAU OF EDUCATION TO STUDY D. C. SCHOOLS

Experts Will Start Survey in January With View to Recommending Improvements.

The United States Bureau of Education, through a committee to be appointed by Philander P. Claxton, commissioner, will make a survey of the District public school system with a view to making recommendations to the Board of Education aimed to reorganize the system to a higher degree of efficiency.

This will be the education bureau's second investigation into the local school administration. The recent survey, it is announced, was only a preliminary one and was a "runner up" to this investigation, which begins probably the first few days after school reconvenes in January.

Noted educators will be members of the survey committee, it has been learned. They will investigate every branch of the school system.

Dr. John Van Scholck, president of the board, left the city last night. He made no statement on the coming survey.

It was announced yesterday the Teachers' Institute would be held January 23 and March 6.

OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN TO HELP WORTHY POOR

To those who had the fourteen opportunities on their Christmas list and have been planning to send in a contribution to be received on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, the Associated Charities announces that it has plenty of other families on its list which will have to be taken care of for months to come.

The only reason why its Christmas appeal has been confined to fourteen is because this number has become a sort of magic trademark in connection with the Opportunity Fund, having been the limit set in the past nine years in its appeal.

During this time the Christmas Opportunities have not always been over-subscribed, and the fact that the amount asked for this year was so much larger than ever before gave the society another reason for not extending the list. However, with these fourteen families assured of Christmas all the year round, in 1920, the society will be glad to receive and acknowledge further contributions for its "waiting list" of other families.

Anyone, therefore, wishing to contribute to this "waiting list" can be assured that every penny will be credited to these "extra" opportunities, and reports will be sent to the givers whose names and addresses accompany their gifts as is the case with the regular opportunity list.

Contributions for the "waiting list" may still be sent to the office of The Times or to the Associated Charities, Social Service House, 923 H street northwest.

PARALYZED WIFE SAYS HUSBAND CURSED HER

Alleging misconduct, naming a co-respondent and charging her husband with cruelty, Mrs. Josephine Dove, of 1924 H street northwest, yesterday filed suit in the District Supreme Court for absolute divorce and alimony.

Mrs. Dove alleges that her husband, under the influence of liquor, frequently cursed and called her vile names while she was in bed suffering severe pains from an injury, sustained December 5, 1918, that has paralyzed her neck, shoulders, and arms. She asks the court that her husband be ordered to leave the premises pending court action.

ATTENTION! Wives, Mothers, and Sisters of the American Lost Legion

The first meeting of The Women of the Bell of Honor will be held at The Columbia Hotel, At 4 P. M. December 27th, Saturday. Secretary.

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Chuck Roast 20c lb.	Hamburg Steak 20c lb.
Shoulder of Lamb 23c lb.	Leg of Spring Lamb . . . 32c lb.
Breast of Lamb 18c lb.	Loin Lamb Chops . . . 33c lb.
Shoulder Lamb Chops 25c lb.	Rib Lamb Chops . . . 33c lb.
Lean Pork Chops . . . 32c lb.	Loin Pork Chops . . . 38c lb.
All-Pork Sausage Meat 33c lb.	Pork Puddings, special 18c lb.
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DISTRICT PUPILS BEGIN 10-DAY VACATION TODAY

Pupils of the District's public and private schools left their classes today to begin a ten days' Christmas and New Year vacation.

Until January 5 the schools of the city will be closed. If, as is promised by the weather man, snow covers the ground this and next week the children will have ample opportunity to try out their Christmas sleds and enjoy other Yuletide sports.

CONVICTED OF BAD NOTE.

A jury in Criminal Court No. 2, Justice Stafford presiding, yesterday convicted Benjamin F. Fuller, former manager of the National Capital Supply Company, of uttering and passing a note for \$5,000, the endorsement of which it was alleged was a forgery. Attorney Henry E. Davis, representing Fuller, noted a motion for a new trial.

There are indictments pending against Fuller on charges of alleged uttering of notes totaling \$21,000. Assistant District Attorney James A. Archer appears for the Government.

CHAUFFEUR EXONERATED OF BLAME FOR DEATH

A coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death at the inquest held over the body of a chauffeur killed by a car, which was killed Saturday night, when he was pinned between the rear wheels of an automobile truck and a pile of paving brick near North Capitol and R streets.

The truck which was driven by Robert S. Norman, 69 Pierce street, skidded and caught the boy between the rear wheels and a pile of brick. The death of Clara Watts, 1027 Twenty-first street northwest, who died as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident several days ago, was an accident, the coroner's jury in its returning a verdict to that effect yesterday.

TAILOR'S GOOSE BURSTS AND INJURES EMPLOYEE

Burned on the hands and arms by the explosion of a gas iron, W. B. Hartson, colored, thirty years old, employed in the tailoring establishment of Solomon Goldberg, Eleventh and O streets northwest, refused hospital treatment and was sent to his home yesterday afternoon.

The explosion of the iron resulted in a telephone summons being sent to No. 7 Engine Company. There was no damage from fire, however.

An overheated radiator yesterday caused a gas fire in a window sill on the first floor of the Shoreham Hotel. Damage was slight.

Damage estimated at \$25 was caused by fire of unknown origin in the home of R. E. Farr, 415 Columbia road northwest, early this morning.

ALUMNI PLAN BANQUET.

Plans for a banquet at the University Club next month were made last night at a meeting of the Washington Chapter of the alumni of the Catholic University. The meeting was held at the National Catholic Community house, 601 E street northwest with L. H. Cleary presiding.

K. OF C. MIDNIGHT MASS.

A midnight mass will be held Christmas Day in the Knights of Columbus Hut at Walter Reed Hospital for the wounded soldiers. A special choir of mixed voices will furnish the music, with organ and orchestra accompaniment under direction of Miss Mary L. Sullivan.